

REMARKS

Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 are in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the Markush group of lubricant materials in component (B).

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,532,023. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The present claims relate to a wrinkle reducing composition comprising (A) a wrinkle reducing active comprising a nonionic polyhydric alcohol humectant and select water-soluble wetting agents; (B) at least one additional material selected from the group consisting of certain salts, uncomplexed cyclodextrin, and select lubricants; and (C) liquid aqueous carrier. Vogel et al. teach a wrinkle reducing composition comprising a wrinkle reducing active comprising silicone and film-forming polymer, and a liquid carrier. Vogel et al. thus teach a wrinkle reducing active that contains both silicone and film-forming polymer. In contrast, the wrinkle reducing active in the present composition comprise a nonionic polyhydric alcohol humectant (*see, e.g.*, pages 10-12) in combination with select water-soluble wetting agent selected from the group consisting of water-soluble cationic surfactant (*see* pages 4-8), water-soluble non-alkoxylated nonionic surfactant (*see* pages 8-9), and water-soluble anionic surfactant (*see* pages 9-10). Vogel et al. do not teach this combination as a wrinkle reducing active.

Furthermore, the present compositions require the wrinkle reducing active in further combination with at least one material selected from the group consisting of certain salts having the formula AM, uncomplexed cyclodextrin, and lubricant selected from the group consisting of water-insoluble cationic softener (*see, e.g.*, pages 13-22), cyclomethicones, and fatty acid esters of mono- or polyhydric alcohols or anhydride thereof containing from 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

With respect to the first member of this Markush group, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest a composition comprising a wrinkle reducing active as presently claimed in combination with a salt having the formula AM as recited in Claim 1.

With respect to the second member of this Markush group, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest a composition comprising a wrinkle reducing active as presently claimed in combination with uncomplexed cyclodextrin.

With respect to the third member of this Markush group, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest a composition comprising a wrinkle reducing active as presently claimed in combination with a lubricant selected from the group consisting of water-insoluble cationic softener, cyclomethicones, and fatty acid esters of mono- or polyhydric alcohols or anhydrides thereof containing from 1 to 8 carbon atoms. Vogel et al. teach that its compositions can optionally comprise antistatic agents such as choline esters. The Office Action alleges that the choline esters taught by Vogel et al. satisfy both Component (A) and Component (B) of the presently claimed compositions. However, Applicants respectfully point out that Component (A) requires a water-soluble wetting agent, which can be a water-soluble cationic surfactant, and the lubricants of Component (B) include water-insoluble cationic softeners. Choline esters as taught by Vogel et al. are typically water-soluble materials satisfying the water-soluble wetting agent of Component (A), but would not satisfy the water-insoluble cationic softeners of the lubricants of Component (B). Applicants thus submit that Vogel et al. do not teach compositions comprising the combination of materials as presently claimed.

With respect to dependent Claim 46, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest a method of reducing both wrinkles and odors using a composition comprising a wrinkle reducing active and uncomplexed cyclodextrin.

With respect to dependent Claim 53, Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest the specific choline esters as recited in Claim 53. Claim 53 requires that, when present, the choline esters have a specific structure as defined in Claim 53, which is not taught or suggested by Vogel et al.

Since Vogel et al. do not teach or suggest compositions comprising the combination of materials as presently claimed, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 22-37, and 41-60 are unobvious and patentable over Vogel et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The previous rejections of Claims 1, 22, 23, 26-37, 41-44, and 50-60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh et al., U.S. Patent Nos. 5,578,563, 5,968,404, and 6,001,343 have been withdrawn.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMSClaim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A wrinkle reducing composition, comprising:

(A)[.] a wrinkle reducing active, comprising a nonionic polyhydric alcohol humectant and a water-soluble wetting agent selected from the group consisting of a cationic surfactant, a non-alkoxylated nonionic surfactant, and an anionic surfactant;

(B)[.] at least one material selected from the group consisting of:

a salt having the formula: AM, wherein A is a cation selected from the group consisting of sodium, calcium, potassium, and magnesium, and M is an anion selected from the group consisting of sulfate, chloride, nitrate, carbonate, borate, and carboxylate; uncomplexed cyclodextrin; and

a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a water-insoluble cationic softener, [nonionic softener selected from] cyclomethicones, and fatty acid esters of mono- or polyhydric alcohols or anhydride thereof containing from 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

(C)[.] a liquid aqueous carrier.